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From Tuesday, September 18th, 2001 NBC NEWS Live coverage of the September 11th attacks on The World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

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rose garden where the president is expected to appear momentarily with a number of civic and state and philanthropic officials to thank america for its exceptional outpouring of generosity a number of online sites led by aol and microsoft and cisco and yahoo ebay aol time warner obviously amazon.com have organized themselves so that people know where to go to give money and so far the donations on those sites alone fifty seven million six hundred and ninety six thousand dollars the last time we checked and has been going up every moment and there are any other number of other organizations that are collecting money as well in the city of new york retailers are devoting a portion of their daily sales and matching the amount of money that their customers give to send those proceeds to individual fire houses there are fire and police relief efforts underway to provide for scholarships and for support for the orphans and the widows of the people who are lost accompanied by governor ridge governor gilmore and mrs pataki these are the states that were hardest hit obviously virginia pennsylvania and new york the pentagon is in virginia here's the president welcome last week america suffered greatly thousands of our citizens lost lives thousands were hurt but thousands of our citizens rose to the occasion to help last week was a really horrible week for america but out of our tears and sadness we saw the best of america as well we saw a great country rise up to help tens of millions of dollars and

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tens of millions of dollars and thousands of hours and tons of food and clothing have all been donated to help rebuild shattered lives americans love for america which channel through our nation's great charities and as president of this great land nothing made me more proud in the weeks since the attack our compassionate and generous citizens have led the first phase in the war on terrorism they have sustained and strengthened the home front today i'm joined by representatives of charities have brought relief to citizens in new york city and virginia and pennsylvania we've got representatives of firefighters police officers entrepreneurs who've helped out all across america haven't been a good citizens here who represent the large national charities like the american red cross the salvation army and the united way we've got folks here in the nation's rose garden who represent the community-based programs and faith-based programs firefighter and police associations local businesses nonprofits large and small these important charitable efforts are saving lives and as importantly are restoring hope i'm also joined by libby pataki the better half of the governor of new york

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tony carbenetti the chief of staff to rudy giuliani and my friends my friends and former fellow governors actually they're governors i was a former governor jim gilmore and tom ridge these governors and their wives and the mayor of new york have shown impressive leadership impressive leadership in the face of the challenges that face their cities in their states they put public agencies on full alert to provide immediate assistance to victims and their families and for all those who helped our nation is most grateful they've called on the men and women of the national guard to help maintain calm and order and we thank those who wear

the uniform as well and they've led and supported value rescue workers in new york city and northern virginia whose bravery is seared into our national consciousness i was honored to be able to stand amidst the rescue workers and looked in their eyes and saw the determination that would make all americans proud in spite of their exhaustion despite the fact that they had worked themselves into into a state of total fatigue they still wanted to keep fighting on for their fellow brothers and sisters trapped in the rubble mayor giuliani and pataki have led new york city through its most difficult of all days and they have done so with class and bravery and distinction and we owe them a debt of gratitude

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the mayor the governors all new yorkers have demonstrated the very best american values to a world that has been watching to see how our nation would react the world watches the great country called america and they say what will they do what will americans do and what they've seen the best of america they've seen leadership they've seen courage and as importantly they've seen compassion last evening marked the start of rosh hashanah and jewish teaching this holy day is the anniversary of the creation of the world it is a season of renewal and of hope and people of every faith all across america embrace that spirit of renewal and hope funds in new york and washington are providing food clothing and financial help to husbands and wives and sons and daughters who suffer mightily citizens near ground zero in new york have provided sandwiches drinks and clean clothes to the tired and hungry rescue workers and one of america's greatest traditions a handful of entrepreneurs from springfield virginia collected 600 by selling lemonade and gave it to the red cross these acts of generosity and kindness are spreading all across america there are challenges that remain for those who suffer today make no mistake about it we've got a lot of work to do as a nation and these good efforts these good charitable compassion efforts need the full support of americans everywhere people all across the country are asking

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people all across the country are asking how they can help what can they do to provide hope what can they do to help heal the wounds and help by helping their fellow americans well there are many ways to contribute local stores and businesses on main street america are collecting money to send to appropriate relief and help agencies national media organizations are helping collect internet portals providing a interesting opportunity for people to contribute and provide their help many of the charities themselves welcome donations to websites so i urge my fellow americans to continue contributing through websites if you're interested in helping call up one of the great charities of america and contribute thus far i'm proud to report through the websites of our charities americans have donated 55 million dollars in seven short days some america's high tech leaders aol and time aol time warner microsoft amazon ebay cisco systems and yahoo have joined together in a private effort to encourage online giving so that we can funnel and resources to help our citizens in need they have formed what's called the american liberty partnership it has a website called libertyunites.org and this will help americans find out how to help if a concerned american wants to help a neighbor in need even though the neighborhood might not be right next to each other they can get on liberty unites dot org and find out how to help and i urge my fellow americans to do so

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americans can not only make online donations they can figure out where to send food where to donate blood where to give clothes they can find out how best to donate their time now it's important to realize that at this moment many of our charities are overwhelmed by the public response that's the kind of problem we like in america but because the portals may be jammed because the phones may be busy is not an excuse for americans not to continue to fight to to help their neighbors and so i ask my fellow americans to be patient with those charities that want their help to keep trying to give to not lose sight of the mission and that is we'll fight terrorism on all fronts we will not be terrorized so that our hearts are hardened nobody can threaten this country oh they may be able to obama buildings and obviously disrupt lives but we're too great a nation to allow the evil doers to affect our soul and our spirit today i herald the soul and spirit of america with live

examples of people who made a huge difference and those who suffer and those who hurt it's a great land it's a great land because our people are so decent and strong and compassionate god bless president bush paying tribute today to the extraordinary outpouring of generosity all across this country he said 55 million but in fact and those are slightly outdated numbers it's now

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are slightly outdated numbers it's now up over 57 million this is the website it's libertyunites.org liberty unites is oneword.org that's just one of many places that you can find out information about where you may be able to give money this is not going to take any questions on his way out there are some late news developments today as well secretary of state powell said he was very encouraged that yasser arafat now has called for a ceasefire and that the israeli government responded in kind saying it would cease military operations the secretary did not have any response to a question about the success of the pakistani delegation which went to kabul afghanistan to deal with the taliban saying give up osama bin laden but we do have word from a taliban minister that he may be guilty as it was described osama bin laden but they're not going to give up up until they get proof of all of that uh that may be just a stalling action of some kind the taliban have been defiant up to this time but perhaps the pakistani delegation was able to in the most clear terms describe for them what afghanistan is in for if it continues to harbor osama bin laden one administration official said we can't do any more to afghanistan than it's done to itself but in fact a great deal more damage can be done to that country and people are fleeing it regularly here's what the secretary of state had to say earlier the morning i have spoken to prime minister sharon and to chairman arafat and to foreign minister perez over the developments in the middle east over the last 12 hours chairman arafat has issued some strong positive statements with respect to the situation in the region and the efforts he will be making to reduce eliminate the violence and i'm pleased that foreign minister perez and prime minister sharon

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perez and prime minister sharon affirmed to me that they would be doing everything on their side uh to disengage from the opportunities for conflict with the palestinians in specific uh towns and cities so as to have sort of a separation that might encourage a state of non-violence and so this is an encouraging development i hope that both sides can take take advantage of this encouraging development and it will lead to additional meetings we evolved that's uh secretary of state colin powell today that is a very significant development the cease-fire called by yasser arafat and the stand down on the part of the israelis uh there was great fear that a continued exchange of violent attacks across those lines would only exacerbate what is already a very volatile situation and then to report once again a taliban minister said osama bin laden may be guilty but we have to see the proof first cnbc's ron insana has been tracking the market all day ron it was up just slightly before that news did it have any impact when it moved across the wires on the new york stock exchange not much time it has been a remarkably in fact even a strangely calm day here at the new york stock exchange part of that might be the result of of an absence of any negative market moving news part of it also the playing ranks here are thinned as some of the traders and investors around town are off celebrating the jewish high holidays but there has been really very little movement in the market it is remarkable after a day like yesterday that we have not seen a greater reaction there was worry that we would sell off rather sharply here at the new york stock exchange at the open but that selling pressure despite what i heard early in the morning simply never materialized all right thanks ron and sana ron a man that you know very well the legendary traitor and the man who runs bearer stearns alan ace greenberg joins us now and he's in his offices uh mr greenberg what can we what can we expect i know it's very hard

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what can we expect i know it's very hard to look into a crystal ball and predict the forces of the market but are you encouraged by what you've seen in the last 24 hours uh i think so tom even the selling yesterday showed some discrimination they didn't throw everything out the window and you have to remember i was thinking about my father said to me when i first came to work in wall street a long time ago he called me one

day and he knew nothing about the market and he said you ought to explain something to me when war is declared the stock market goes down when peace is declared the stock market goes down explain that to me well i really can't other than say that any time there's any material change or event people's first impulses to sell turn things into cash and then of course they reconsider and things up to now in my experience cool down pretty quickly well obviously there is an anxiety factor but there's something else at work here the fundamentals have not been terribly encouraging the economy even before this attack that's true and certain sectors obviously are very badly hurt by the results of the last week and will continue to be hurt for months to come and it's just our job and the government's job i think to help those industries you think that congress will provide some assistance economic direct cash assistance to the airlines well think back a few years tom chrysler had a problem some years ago and the government did come to the rescue the government was paid back and in fact they got warrants which became very valuable i'm not saying whether it was right or wrong to support chrysler but i can tell you it's much more compelling now the reasons i think are much more compelling to help the the airlines than it was to help chrysler much more all right the president has been calling on the american people to be patient as we prepare for war i gather that's the word to investors as well mr greenberg well i'm not sure about i wouldn't give the same advice to investors i think there are plenty of values out there and people that bet on this country come out ahead i can tell you that particularly when it comes to buying stocks all right alan greenberg thanks very much thanks tom ace greenberg who runs bearish stearns and is the face of wall street for so many people who work

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wall street for so many people who work in the financial district okay the late developments are of course uh ceasefire in the middle east the president thanking this country for its extraordinary response to calls for contributions for relief and the taliban saying osama bin laden may be guilty but they want to see some proof we'll have continuing coverage throughout the day on this nbc station a reminder msnbc is on around the clock and you can always dial up msnbc.com i'm tom broker i'll see you as throughout the day on this nbc station [Music] this is an nbc news special report america on alert here is sarah james good afternoon everyone well wall street shows signs of stabilizing today the market has been up slightly for much of the day and as you can see from your screen it's up just fractionally right now this is encouraging news after yesterday when the dow had its biggest one-day drop ever meantime u.s attorney general john ashcroft is briefing reporters at this hour with the latest on the investigation into last week's terrorist attack let's listen in while the investigation is ongoing and still moving forward vigorously we are beginning to learn more about the attack last tuesday in the plot to make it happen as we have said before we do believe that there are associates of the hijackers that have connections to terrorist organizations that may still be in the united states the tips we have received and the leads developed in the fbi field offices have been extremely helpful in helping us assemble a list of individuals that might have information about these associates or in fact be among the associates we are looking at the possibility that there may have been more than four

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there may have been more than four planes targeted for hijacking but we are not able at this time to confirm that to date the fbi has received more than 96 000 tips and potential leads more than 54 000 on the website nearly 9 000 on the hot line the toll-free watts line and more than 33 000 leads that were generated in the fbi field offices obviously there is still a great deal of information to be collected in order to understand the full picture of how last tuesday's attack was planned and the full extent of damage that the terrorists intended to cause is understood our effort includes talking to the numbers of people that may have information related to the case that's why we have forwarded a list of more than 190 people to national state local law enforcement agencies across the country and other organizations that could be helpful in this effort organizations like the airlines we also have a responsibility to use every legal means at our disposal to prevent further terrorist activity by taking people into custody who have violated the law and who may pose a threat to america the details that we have learned in the enormous destruction and devastation that was caused by last tuesday's

attack have brought us to a turning point in our country's fight against terrorism and the preservation of the safety and security of our society on that morning last tuesday the forces of terrorism attacked the citizens of our country with a ferocity that was nothing short of a declaration of war against the people of america

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against the people of america the president of the united states has announced that we will meet that declaration with a full commitment of resources and with a firm resolve to rid the world of terrorism the fight against terrorism must be an overriding priority of the department of justice i have talked this week about possible legislative changes that we would need in order to be able to fight effectively against terrorism and i'm pleased with the cooperation from members of congress and their ideas their comments their suggestions and their support for a package which we would hope to have ready in the next few days but this new effort requires more than just legislation there are actions the department of justice can take now on its own to make sure the prevention of terrorism is a high priority that's why last night at my direction immigration and naturalization service commissioner jim ziegler signed an administrative revision to the current ins regulations regarding the detention of aliens the regulation previously allowed the immigration and naturalization service only 24 hours in which to decide whether to charge an alien that had been taken into custody custody because of a violation the revision announced last night expands the 24-hour time period to 48 hours or to an additional reasonable time if necessary under an emergency or in other extraordinary circumstances this rule change will apply to the 75 individuals who are currently detained by the ins on immigration violations that may also have information related to this investigation

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investigation in addition every united states attorney's office has reviewed the office's resources and structure in light of the growing threat of terrorism as a part of the new counterterrorism strategy every united states attorney and every district of such an attorney that hasn't already done so has been asked to establish an anti-terrorism task force at my direction last week each u.s attorney's office identified an experienced prosecutor who will serve as the anti-terrorism coordinator for that district you have been listening to u.s attorney general john ashcroft who among other things tells us this afternoon that there may have been more than four planes targeted for hijacking he says it is too early to confirm that he also stresses that they believe that there are associates who have connections to those terrorists who may still be in the united states john ashcroft saying that so far they have received more than 96 000 leads they are following those up and taking all action that they need to take you have been listening to us here on nbc news stay tuned to your nbc station for further news on nbc nightly news with tom brokaw and on msnbc early terrorist attacks we take you inside the rescue effort at ground zero with new york mayor rudy giuliani and un secretary general kopi ana also nbc news exclusive the first extended conversation with former president bill clinton his thoughts on the attacks the state of the nation and osama bin laden and the latest from the nbc news terrorism task force as the pentagon and america mobilize for the challenge ahead from nbc news world headquarters in new

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from nbc news world headquarters in new york this is nbc nightly news with tom brokaw good evening one week in the life of america seven days that were marked by numbing loss and grief rage and disbelief one week that changed the course of this country and altered the way we live from here forward one stunning marker of the change the skyline of war manhattan until last tuesday morning and that skyline now an open wound in the psyche of this nation the scars at the pentagon and in the pennsylvania countryside only deepen the sense of loss and disbelief tonight we'll hear for the first time at length from former president bill clinton about these events and i'll talk with mayor giuliani and the u.n secretary general in lower manhattan nbc's correspondents are working all the angles tonight we're going to begin with the stunning new images from ground zero nbc's david bloom joins me now from lower manhattan once again david time until tonight we've never seen these rescue workers close up face to face toiling in the smoking pit you see behind me but tonight with the death toll here in lower manhattan alone expected to exceed 5400 people federal

authorities wanted to the world to see the effort going on here around the clock for the first time today fema the federal emergency management agency releases pictures of its urban search and rescue teams scouring the still smoking world trade center rubble for possible survivors we're not going to give up and there's stores down there that have food and even water to drink so anything is possible today television news crews are taken inside ground zero right now we're walking into five world trade center which is just to the north of the two main twin towers and then into the basement where a fema team from

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basement where a fema team from sacramento is working in the darkness crawling through ventilation shafts boring holes into collapsed walls convinced someone could still be trapped alive there are caverns down here there's no doubt about it i mean we run into them but most of the people in these areas here have gotten out now there's it's very possible that you could have a void area yet that has been cut off by a collapse today new york city officials say that even though no survivors have been found here in more than six days it could be next week or even longer before rescue operations are officially called off the rescue effort will continue and until we're absolutely sure that no one is in that pile of life but now the rescue operation itself is changing search dogs still sniff for the scent of life but the rescuers are relying far more on high-tech tools this is still a crime scene fbi and bomb squad agents signs posted for missing flight recorders from the two hijacked planes and dumpsters full of aircraft parts the new fema video makes dramatically clear the massive scale of these debris piles four to five thousand tons of rubble removed every day heavy construction equipment struggles to hoist huge steel beams because they've punched through the ground floor and are blocking more promising rescue work below ground people keep asking when might this rescue operation be called off the short answer is not anytime soon the longer answer is officials tell us they're consulting closely with the psychological counselors dealing with the victims families trying to find out from those counselors where whether it would be better to say at some point this is officially over or whether to let the families reach that conclusion on their own tom thanks very much nbc david bloom tonight this afternoon i joined mayor rudy giuliani of new york city and u.n secretary general kofi anan at the site of the disaster

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at the site of the disaster it was a powerful symbolic visit mayor giuliani had just finished giving a delegation of u.s senators a tour of the site when we arrived at the police boat dock in lower manhattan just how important is it for these people to see this it's very important and someone said to me you ought to bring every international leader there is to bring into this yeah maybe they'll when you see it there's something different that happens it's a different experience okay you stand there thinking how can it be how could it be how could they do this and i think they i think they begin to understand that uh even being neutral about the idea of terrorism is inhumane we've got to do something about it the mayor and new york governor pataki took secretary general annan on a tour to the heart of ground zero where security was tight and press coverage was restricted because of the urgent work underway anan was as stunned as everyone else who has seen the destruction up close mr secretary what did you think when you got down there at ground zero it's much worse than i thought i don't think any of the television pictures of the pictures you've seen in front of newspapers gives you an idea of the magnitude and the horror which is now here and we have 5 000 people missing each with his hair our own story that we may never hear the mayor and i were talking earlier about how important it is for world leaders to see this maybe even firsthand and have an idea what you're dealing with no i think it's extremely important they're all shocked but you see it closer gives you a completely different dimension i think they all know that we need to come together to defeat terrorism and we have to cooperate across the world to be able to do it mr mayor do you see that you see this as part of your life's work now i've really thought that far ahead and i've i really tried to approach this in thinking uh day to day and then about a week or two ahead

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ahead so i really haven't thought about what happened six months from now or 10 months from now but certainly i want to see this rebuilt in the right way i don't know what the right way is yet i don't know i think a lot of people have to have to have a chance to think about this for a while what kind of memorial should be here there should be a memorial here for this massive number of people that we've lost there should be a memorial here to the spirit of america that is going to rebuild it and then we should think about the kind of economic development that should take place and tom i have to say that yesterday uh when i came down here and i watched these people there's something i want to tell you the this generation has exactly the courage of the generation before the second world war they inherited they were taught it they have it they're just as strong and they're just as capable of defending themselves and defending democracy mayor also said he awoke this morning and sought back about a week ago and he still had a sense of disbelief how could anyone do this he said to my city in washington president bush today assembled the white house staff on the lawn to mark the moment exactly a week ago the first plane hit the first trade tower center at 8 48 a.m later the president talked about the war on terrorism on the home front saying this attack will not break the spirit of america nobody can threaten this country oh they may be able to obama buildings and obviously disrupt lives but we're too great a nation to allow the evil doers to affect our soul and our spirit we will have much more on the president's day later on but first let's check in at the pentagon where you as you might imagine there's a lot going on these days and nbc's jimmy klauszewski is there with the latest for us now jim what's going on tom u.s

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us now jim what's going on tom u.s officials say no final decisions no final orders have been handed down yet but the time is getting closer and the military is getting ready u.s marines dressed for combat leave their base in okinawa today the army's 82nd airborne at fort bragg north carolina getting in a few last training jumps they'd play a major role in any u.s invasion of afghanistan they're waiting for a call to arms i mean they're and they're ready to go and answer it defense secretary donald rumsfeld says when it comes to america's self-defense all options are on the table a country has every right in the world to defend itself and that is what we intend to do airstrikes could lead the way to soften the target for airborne infantry to drop into and seize a piece of afghanistan large enough to build an airstrip for attack helicopters once in control the military could systematically try to take out the network of terrorist training camps and pursue their number one suspect osama bin laden a dangerous and daunting mission the soviets fought here and failed if you say vietnam to some people in the united states and you say afghanistan or some people in russia they think the same thing but other nations that sponsor terrorism including iraq are on the list of potential targets in the u.s campaign to hunt down terrorists one of the ways to do that is to drain the swamp they live in during a ball out war the u.s is also poised to launch a bloody campaign of commando style raids aimed at tracking and killing terrorist cells in more than 50 countries in fact u.s officials tell nbc news that at least twice over the past several years the military drafted special ops plans to go after and kill osama bin laden himself but the missions were rejected as too risky tom thanks very much nbc's jim mklzewski tonight up next my exclusive interview with former president bill clinton joining me from his office in harlem in new york city in

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his office in harlem in new york city in a moment former president bill clinton who is also a new yorker now joins me from his office in harlem this evening which is at the other end of manhattan from the world trade center mr president thank you very much for being with us tonight you were in australia when all this happened it was late at night i presume when you got the word how did you receive the news that there had been a terrorist attack on the world trade center and then the pentagon tom right after the first plane hit my friend bruce lindsay who was in new york called me and was on the phone with me looking at the second plane hit the world trade center so i heard about it the live if you will on the telephone and then i turned the television on and tried to find my wife and eventually i got her and we talked several times i stayed up all night long i was concerned about my daughter and she was in new york in in lower manhattan when the when the events occurred and obviously i kept up with it on television and talk to people as i could find them through the night you were brought back on a military plane was the secret service worried about your

security that you might have been a target uh i don't know the bush administration was kind enough to give me a plane i thought i should be back in america and back in new york and they provided me a plane so i flew from australia to guam and then on to the united states and i was glad to be back home with our people here and to do what i could to encourage people in in the recovery efforts you had your own experiences with osama bin laden he attacked the embassies in kenya and tanzania many people are looking back now and say we simply didn't do enough we launched two missile strikes against a target in sudan and one in afghanistan we missed him in retrospect should there have been a higher level of attack a war if you will against terrorism at

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a war if you will against terrorism at that time well we did what we thought we could actually uh we had quite good intelligence that he and his top lieutenants would be in this training camp so i ordered the cruise missile attacks and we didn't tell anybody including the pakistanis whose airspace we had to travel over until the last minute and unfortunately we missed them apparently not by very long we we killed a number of terrorists destroyed the camp but we didn't get him or his top lieutenants and i made it clear that we should take all necessary action to try to apprehend him and get him we never had another chance where the intelligence was as reliable to justify military action he's very elusive he spends a night in different places often stays in in caves there were times when he tried to hide among a lot of women and children it's a tough it was a tough nut to crack but the world has changed now and uh i think the pressure that the president bush and the administration uh is putting on the taliban and also on the pakistanis and the statements of pakistanis have made and the unity we've got around the world we finally got other countries as concerned about this as we are i think all these things we might even have a chance to to get him uh apprehended and handed over but i i certainly think the most important thing now is for all of us to rally behind our president uh and the administration and their efforts to build a global coalition i have been really gratified by the support that other countries have given us and i think we've got uh we've got to go get him now and we've got to break this network down and the rest of us have to be there supporting it every step of the way there's always a possibility that terrorists will strike back in retaliation if there's a war we now know how vulnerable washington is are we going to have to put a permanent air cover over the nation's capital or even examine the possibility of missiles at the white house and the pentagon

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well i think first of all when when the president's in residence at the white house the there is a security on the roof of the white house to handle most things i don't suppose it could stop a plane that big and so all that will have to be re-examined but i think it's quite important that we not shut down the fundamental means of transportation and communication and movement we can't be intimidated by this that's handing them a victory and yes if we take action they may retaliate but the evidence is that action is still more effective we know when something terrible happens and this obviously is an unspeakable tragedy but we also after the african embassy bombings took down several bin laden cells in several countries and prevented planned terrorist attacks in the united states in the middle east over the millennium that included blowing up planes going out of la airport hijacking a plane there was even an attempt to a plan to assassinate the pope a plan to blow up a christian religious site in the middle east uh so we we have been successful in stopping a number of these things and it doesn't hurt you have to be strong and you if if you're afraid of retaliation and you don't do anything then all you have are your defenses and defense is not enough as we saw uh here last week all the things we stopped still don't count for much in the end if 5000 people lay dead 5 000 americans and people from 40 other countries totally innocent civilians so we have to have offense as well as defense this incident has brought a lot of people back together including you and vice president al gore you spent the night together and then went down to washington is that the first time that you talked at length was the longest conversation we had he

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was the longest conversation we had he was stranded in austria and so he flew to canada and he was driving all the way from canada to washington he called me i told him to come stay with me and we'd fly down the next day to the memorial service and we spent two and a half hours talking about this about all the things we've done over the last several years to try to to get bin laden and his network and to try to combat terrorism generally to increase the defenses of the united states we speculated about what more could be done what we needed to do now and both of us agreed that the most important thing we could do is to support the president and the administration and know that they're going to take all the appropriate actions finally mr president is the united states going to have to play down and dirty in this war on terrorism and get over what have been a lot of restrictions on the kind of spying that we do and even lift the ban on assassinations well let's talk about that a minute first of all the the ban that was put under uh in effect under president ford only applies to heads of state it doesn't apply to terrorists so i can assure you we've been trying to get osama bin laden for the last several years and and therefore that's not an obstacle secondly the cia put in place a directive saying that if unsavory characters that is people that have abused human rights themselves for example were going to be used as sources and paid that there had to be approval above the field level the director of the cia says there's not a single instance in which the cia has declined to use a source in a terrorist case but apparently some field operatives feel that they may be somewhat constrained that ought to be reviewed and if so we ought to change the rules but so far as i know every potential human intelligence source was explored and we had a lot of them that's why we were able to roll up a lot of the bin laden cells in other countries around the world and why we were able to

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were able to find a lot of the people for example that did the first world trade center bombing that did the cia bombing or killing there so we we have had some success with human intelligence we need more of it we need to do whatever is necessary and yes we need to do more to get more human intelligence in the end it's very difficult to get all this done with satellites and and tapping into telephones and breaking into computers you need to have people on the ground in the area if you're going to nail these people and again i i think the fact that we have so much support around the world now and there's such unanimity of feeling about how evil this is and how it has to be stomped out that i i think we're going to see a lot of progress and as i said if i were over there in the taliban shoes or as the president of pakistan has already said he wants to cooperate they need to think long and hard about whether this is a load they want to keep carrying the best thing for them to do is to give him up they'd save a lot of lives and enable us to continue our long-term war against terrorism getting osama bin laden is the beginning not the end of this process there's still a network there there's still money to be found there's still computer networks to be cracked there's still other terrorists out there but it's an important first step and i i strongly support what president bush said about holding countries who harbor him accountable and i think we're going to see some real progress here we just have to continue to stay united as a country this has got to be beyond any sort of division we have to speak with one voice we have to be determined we have to remember the people that hillary and i saw uh day before yesterday we're taking a walk in the park and a woman came up to us who's still looking for her husband she was with her four sisters-in-law and they think they've lost a fireman i met a man last night at a rush asana service in my

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service in my hometown who along with another person carried a disabled person down 84 floors in the world trade center the plane hit one floor above him and they all made it to safety those are the kind of americans that make us all proud of our country and know that we have to see this fight through to the end mr president thank you very much for being with us tonight welcome home thank you tom i'll be right back with more on nbc's terrorism task force now the investigation and new details are emerging tonight about some of the hijackers and the fbi is investigating whether these terrorists had other attacks in mind as well nbc's pete williams joins me once again tonight from our terrorism task force pete what what is the latest on the investigation well the total now of people detained by the fbi for questioning tom stands at 75 most from this list of nearly 200 who federal agents believe may know something about the hijackers investigators learn more about the backgrounds of the hijackers officials tell nbc news that muhammad atta among those on the

plane that crashed into the north world trade center tower met earlier this year in europe with a mid-level iraqi intelligence officer u.s officials say the information is sketchy and that it's no proof iraq had any role in last week's attacks in lebanon the family of ziad jarrah one of the hijackers on the pentagon plane releases this home video of him at a wedding last year his family says the fbi is mistaken that he's no terrorist back in the u.s the attorney general says investigators are looking at whether more than four planes might have been planned for last week's attack so far no firm evidence of that we are unable to confirm that there are additional planes but we have not ruled that out in our in our in our evaluation federal agents press especially hard to see if two men now detained who flew out of newark last tuesday were would-be hijackers one persistent question why did the flights used in last tuesday's attacks have so few passengers people who might resist

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few passengers people who might resist the hijackers investigators now believe the terrorists did nothing to reduce the passenger load like trying to tie up seats with reservations instead the fbi now believes they deliberately chose flights that tended to be less crowded and nationwide today a warning to local governments tightened security controls over fire engines and ambulances so terrorists cannot steal them and use them to drive explosives into crowded areas and stock regulators brought in their investigation whether bin laden associates invested heavily just before the attack so they would profit when stock in united and american airlines fell tom thank you very much nbc's pete williams tonight i'll be right back day two wall street open for business on wall street today investors took a deep breath and largely stopped yesterday's huge across-the-board losses nbc's ann thompson joins me now from the nasdaq exchange and what message were these investors sending today well investors were looking for stability today tom but the markets lost a little bit more ground the nasdaq off 24 points to 15 55 the dow closing at 89.03 after losing 17 points in a day of very heavy trading 1.6 billion shares traded and what about the airline stocks how'd they do well tom believe it or not some airline stocks actually rose today american airlines up 11 percent united airlines up 8 percent but continental down another 11 percent it's business sinking because fewer people are flying airlines just one of the many businesses reeling after the attack all right thank you very much nbc's ann thompson tonight on the latest on the financial situation some of these nbc stations will be breaking away now others will continue a second half hour of this special edition of nbc nightly news [Music] welcome back now to this expanded edition of the nbc nightly news on a day

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edition of the nbc nightly news on a day that we've all seen haunting new images from the scene of the world trade center attack and heard the alarming news that the fbi now is investigating the possibility that more than four planes were targeted by hijackers that their associates may still be in this country all this is adding to the nervousness of an already anxious nation nbc's jim abela is here in new york tonight the capital of america on alert jim tom the coast guard is now boarding commercial craft on both coasts and the national guard has deployed for the first time one of its domestic germ warfare units here in new york city america is on alert and on edge more than ever national guard in the streets of manhattan the country's dams and power plants at the highest level of security chicago's water supply guarded by barricades and armed police synagogues from miami to new york city under heavy guard for jewish new year services homeland defenses up like never before in peacetime in a nation that has never felt so insecure whether i'm taking the subway or just walking down the street there's definitely a feeling of of you know what's what's going on around me atlanta georgia frightened by a report it may have been on a backup terrorist target list stocks up at the army surplus store a lot of things sold out american flags gas masks a lot of activity on survival gear camping stuff in america's proud tall buildings from the empire state on manhattan now new york city's biggest to chicago's sears tower tallest in the country a feeling that landmarks may not be the safest places to work once we go into an actual war i don't want to be near this building at all at sears tower every id is now checked and all packages searched but for many it's not enough people are nervous about being here nervous about another attack they've asked for alternate work schedules vacation time work from home

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schedules vacation time work from home near the blast zone a manhattan southern tip moving from block to block means a gauntlet of security checks julia mullins works at the empire state building reluctantly even with all the dogs with all with everything that's going on with security they don't have to show our id but you don't feel safe a change in america that goes against the nation's very spirit but security experts say must be done showing identification that we all find somewhat repugnant because we're a free and open society that's going to be part of american life today even in south dakota where no one can remember a terrorist attack or where no one is none is now expected the south governor south dakota is now saying that he's ordering police with automatic rifles to actually guard the airport entrances so everybody tom is on alert thank you very much nbc jim avila tonight of course some of the people most frightened by this crisis are the employees and managers as the troubled airlines around the nation and the passengers who fly those airlines joining me now is nbc's aviation expert robert hager with the latest on that robert tom it's scenes like this deserted terminals that spell huge financial problems for airlines now and maybe for months to come with people afraid to fly and that's why airlines chief executives came to washington today urgently asking for help delta airlines chairman leo mullen americans president don carty continental ceo gordon bethune and others outside the white house mullen put it this way there is no question that this industry has suffered enormous financial damage airlines first asked for 24 billion dollars in federal aid but told that's too much scale back to 17. they also asked the government to pay for those security screeners and want legislation protecting airlines from being sued for deaths and damage on the ground at the world trade center transportation secretary norman mineta agrees airlines need help they've got to

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agrees airlines need help they've got to be made whole at airports it appears those incredible long lines were mostly from the backlog of passengers stranded when skies were closed last week by today it's slow when delta begins offering shuttle service from washington's dulles airport to new york the first plane goes out almost empty only four passengers aboard meantime the pilots union today urges members from now on to fight back against hijackers suggests maybe pilots should even carry guns the union steve lucky there may even be lethal force weapons installed in the cockpit the pilots may and very easily could be armed in the future no word if the government would permit that but today lucky tells pilots if hijacked depressurize the plane spin it in barrel rolls or whatever is necessary to throw hijackers off balance and keep them out of the cockpit my house will be met with violence the union says passengers ought to help physically take on hijackers as well back to the economics layoffs at airlines continue 25 000 so far and now it said united airlines alone is preparing to lay off 20 thousand more tom thank you very much nbc's robert hager tonight of course the fallout in the airline industry spills big trouble for other parts of the economy as well nervous consumers are holding on to their money much more tightly right now and nbc's lisa myers has a report on the ripple effect already hit hard the entire travel industry at a big chicago travel agency which works on commissions mass cancellations of vacations and business travel are devastating i'd say 90 percent of my income this week is not going to be there travel agencies predict hundreds of thousands of layoffs in the next few months in las vegas casino is almost empty an expansion of caesar's palace stopped in orlando home of disney world 16 conventions canceled so far some hotels only 30 percent full our sense was that all of the major cities we talked to are

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all of the major cities we talked to are in the same boat experiencing the same situation with regard to cancellations many other businesses like this florist also hurt because they couldn't get supplies especially those coming by air today four ford assembly plants including this one in atlanta shut down for lack of parts one reason long backups at u.s borders because of security checks an even bigger problem for automakers nearly empty showrooms auto sales plummeted 25 percent last week and economists predict many americans will hold off on big ticket items for a while 70 percent say i'm not even interested in buying anything i think it tells you that the only people doing well during this shopping season right now with the

supermarkets where people will be buying their groceries this weekend discounters like walmart did better than luxury stores what selling patriotic items especially flags new york memorabilia and the basics overall one survey found sales down 30 to 50 percent in big urban centers like atlanta and los angeles down 20 percent in smaller cities those who study consumer attitudes say their most worrisome finding is that even those who have money don't plan to spend it because they fear the worst is yet to come but some economists say that while the short-term outlook is gloomy government spending on the war and rebuilding should help next year and that's what we'll see by 2002 a much stronger year than anyone thought possible but until then some businesses expect to fight just to survive lisa myers nbc news washington of course all of this is very much on the president's mind tonight after a day spent talking and fighting out talking about fighting terrorism here at home nbc's david gregory joins me now from the white house david tom a lot of talk about the home front in this war today from the president and his top officials we learned today that there are officials in a group meeting daily now focused solely on the domestic consequences of these attacks and working on solutions like a bailout of

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working on solutions like a bailout of the us airlines and we're told seven or eight different measures to revive the economy but one week after these attacks the president made clear today the country is still in mourning at 8 48 this morning the president led the white house staff in a moment of silence marking exactly one week since tragedy struck later in the rose garden he hailed americans who he says have in just seven days donated more than 50 million dollars through website charities and announced a new website libertyunites.org which will encourage further giving our compassionate and generous citizens have led the first phase in the war on terrorism meanwhile mrs bush is trying to calm the country during an appearance on oprah today she suggests what message teachers should be sending to children reassurance that your school is safe you're going to be safe as the administration works to build an international coalition of support for the military campaign the u.s will launch officials welcomed news from the middle east today of easing tensions israel halted all offensive military operations after yasser arafat promised to unilaterally observe a ceasefire back at the white house tonight the president received the full support of french president sharok as bush again outlined the goal that is to rally the world toward a toward a campaign to find terrorists to smoke them out of their holes and to get them but it became clear that rallying the world may not be as easy as it seems even though tonight french president shirak pledged his support during a question and answer session with reporters sharok refused to classify this conflict as a war and refused to answer the question as to whether french soldiers would be committed to the effort tom thank you very much nbc david gregory tonight there are some new glimpses into

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tonight there are some new glimpses into the life and mind of one of the suspected terrorists tonight nbc's kevin tibbles joins us now from cairo where today he spoke with the father of one of the two pilots who trained in florida kevin tom tonight i found and sat down with the father of one of the men accused of hijacking american flight 11 and crashing it into the world trade center but here in cairo the father of muhammad atta vehemently denies his son is responsible the stifling crowded streets of cairo are what muhammad atta called home the 33 year old described by neighbors as serious a young man who had no friends most of the time he was with his father but i don't think he has friends i didn't see your friends now atta is accused of being the pilot of the first hijacked jet to slam into the world trade center ada grew up here in the densely packed middle class suburbs not far from the pyramids of giza he studied architectural engineering at the university of cairo his father is a successful lawyer today his father told nbc news that his son was not involved with osama bin laden the father says he remembers when bin laden blew up the u.s embassies in africa and his son muhammad saying he hated bin laden because proper muslims are not supposed to kill mohammed el amir atta is 65 he has suffered three heart attacks he explodes in fury when asked if his only son could be a terrorist my son was not involved his passport was stolen this is an american plot he calls his son a child incapable of evil unable to fly a kite let alone an airplane at his parents are

separated his father lives alone on the 11th floor of this building at his two sisters both university educated live elsewhere the father says he has heard from his son since the attack but will not give any details as to what he said

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details as to what he said instead he blames the united states and says it was america that brought the attack upon itself the father insists his son has either been kidnapped or killed for the use of his passport he says muhammad was not a terrorist or a fanatic but simply a good muslim tom thanks very much nbc's kevin tibbles tonight in cairo i'll be right back with the latest on whether the u.s is getting the cooperation it needs in its mission to get osama bin laden we turn out to the primary focus this week at least of what the president has called the first war of the 21st century osama bin laden and the taliban rulers in afghanistan and joining me now from the united nations tonight is nbc's andrea mitchell our expert on international diplomacy andrea what is the latest on the efforts to get osama bin laden out of afghanistan and to build an international coalition well word tonight out of pakistan coming to the united nations which i hope you can see in the distance behind me is now barricaded behind giant sand trucks but word to diplomats here is that the taliban are beginning to say that they would consider turning osama bin laden over to another muslim country the u.s believes perhaps yemen or uzbekistan but that they would have to get something in return they would want u.n recognition as a government they would want a lifting of u.n sanctions i talked to a top u.s official tonight he said no deal we're not about to negotiate with them about that we just want bin laden tom and andrea what about that international coalition is it all coming together the french tonight saying well maybe we this is a nation it needs to be taken but it's not a war and we may or may not add military forces well they're not really looking for military forces from everyone but there have been some significant steps the moderate arabs take saudi arabia for instance in the united arab emirates both are now reconsidering their ongoing relationship diplomatic relations with the taliban most importantly the saudis immediately after the attack promised to

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immediately after the attack promised to keep oil prices stable that was a very big deal then take a look at what they want in return they want the u.s more involved in middle east diplomacy and today you began to see as david gregory reported the beginnings of that israel under pressure from the united states beginning to withdraw after of course yasser arafat finally delivered that long-awaited statement in arabic calling for a unilateral ceasefire so some beginnings of middle east diplomacy that's what the middle east moderate arabs want then take a look at the big players russia and china who have strong interests they're neighboring to afghanistan they want a reduction in terrorism they are now offering both countries offering us intelligence sharing in particular russia though wants us to play a bigger role in helping them with their chechnya problem so it remains to be seen what we'd be getting from them finally take a look at the rogue states according to the us at least these are the states such as iran and sudan that we've always said sponsor terrorism well only yesterday colin powell actually talked to a sudanese official the highest ranking uh communications since the u.s bombed sudan three years ago so that is very promising according to one official tonight and iran that's a little more problematic problematic tom because iran represents a real threat we believe the u.s believes at least because of its support for hezbollah another terror group they are very encouraged by statements coming out of iran but they want to see something really delivered tom all right thank you very much nbc's andrea mitchell tonight outside a heavily barricaded united nations headquarters and of course everyone expects the war on terrorism to be long and expensive and very dangerous and if that war includes armed conflict in afghanistan the united states will have to look very closely as the russian military experience there in the 70s and 80s nbc's dana lewis reports on that war tonight which was russia's own vietnam the russians had no doubt it was a war they would win

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1979 the soviet army 100 000 strong invades afghanistan the enemy the mujahideen a ragtag rebel force no match the soviets thought for their mighty army they couldn't have been more wrong this was not russia became trapped in afghanistan for 10 years former general valentin varenikov commanded the soviet army there for four years and warns america beware you get the feeling god gathered up all the rocks in the world and dropped them in afghanistan he says the taliban can hide you can't find anyone there the biggest enemy the terrain in an area about the size of texas it's mostly mountains a nightmare for russian armies equipped to fight wars in europe bad train for the equipment actually that the american army also has a bad terrain for tanks bad terrain for attack helicopters the mujahideen ambushed the russians from the hills with any aircraft weapons supplied by america the u.s was determined to stop the soviets push into central asia so the cia gave the mujahideen 3 billion dollars during the nineteen eighties many of their best fighters make up the taliban today one of the best mohammed omar now head of the taliban nbc news has obtained this exclusive photograph of mullah omar according to intelligent sources he was a subcommander of one of the fiercest groups fighting the soviets his unit one of the cia's stars evgeny khrushchev was a young russian lieutenant in afghanistan a nerve breaking experience that you never know day or night when you get hit after a decade with more than fifteen thousand of their own dead in a million afghanis the soviets withdraw in defeat finally out of a war they couldn't win dana lewis nbc news moscow up next the families of two american

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up next the families of two american women trapped inside of afghanistan afraid they'll be caught now in an even worse nightmare as all americans get ready for military action and bloodshed in the war on terrorism the families of two american women who've been detained by the taliban inside afghanistan are understandably very frightened that their loved ones are in terrible trouble nbc's bob faw joins me now with more on that tonight bob tom as those military options are being refined those americans indeed are bracing themselves worried that as the terrorist attacks of the attacks on terrorists begin their loved ones two americans now being held in kabul will be directly in the line of fire charged by the taliban with trying to convert muslims to christianity a crime punishable by death in afghanistan 29 year old dana curry of thompson station tennessee she's not concerned about material things she's only concerned about helping people put on trial along with 24 year old heather mercer of vienna virginia she loves helping people in need living out that passion says another friend brings heather joy our biggest hope was that she would be expelled from the country now i'm just worried for her life part of an international christian aid group shelter now the two women have been confined since august third now families can only cling to email datasense several weeks ago we are in a detention center where the conditions are much better than the other women's prison relatives and friends fear if afghanistan is a tech the two women will be casualties and that the taliban will also use them as pawns the taliban said we want to keep these people detainees as uh assurance that america won't attack us for now their loved ones can do little more than pray and drape yellow ribbons on heather mercer's door she would probably call upon philippians

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she would probably call upon philippians 4 13 a lot which says i can do all things through christ who gives me strength all this they admit is a test of their faith but they agree whatever happens the faith of the two women cannot be broken if she gets out of this she'll be in another country when i first heard that she was in prison in my heart of hearts i knew that they could not steal her joy so as this nation gears up for military confrontation the friends the family still themselves with prayer and what we are praying for said one is a miracle tom thank you very much nbc's bob fought tonight and in islamabad pakistan tonight the family of one of those women is waiting desperately for any word nbc's ron allen reports from pakistan tonight heather mercer's parents maintaining a vigil across the border in pakistan doing everything they can to free their daughter and the others held with her in kabul afghanistan we assumed when we left our children that we would be seeing them again when we said goodbye deborah audi saw her daughter in the detention center only once last tuesday she found her living in a room with five other women their furniture a thin mattress to sleep on adi never imagining just hours after her visit terrorists would attack the u.s she believes heather knows america has targeted the taliban the people holding her the child is terrified you know emotionally

she's going to have to be put back together when we get her out heather's parents traveled to afghanistan to appeal for her freedom but were forced to evacuate last thursday because of a possible u.s attack with the last diplomats and foreign aid workers leaving afghanistan heather's father offered the taliban a deal he'd stay behind i even volunteered to go take heather's place if they'll let her go i'll serve out her sentence whatever it is i mean you know i want to do anything to get her out of there as heather's parents wait here in

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as heather's parents wait here in pakistan each day they receive less and less information about their daughter and now they virtually have no way to contact her the u.s embassy in pakistan trying to monitor the detainees using contacts in afghanistan heather's family has a lawyer here but with the border shut he can't enter afghanistan they left goodbye letters for heather but have not received any in return she has a lot of inner strength that will see her through this as long as our girls or all the detainees are breathing we can hold on to that hope and they hope the people holding their daughter will show mercy ron allen nbc news islamabad pakistan i'll be right back with some more of those new and very haunting pictures from inside the world trade center the reaction is universal from visitors to ground zero the collapse of the world trade center from the ordinary people to the highest ranking officials the latest today from un secretary general kofi annan you cannot believe it until you see it television does not do the just justice to this mendacity in fact both the mayor and the secretary general believe that world leaders should come to see all of that we wanted to share with you again tonight some of the more astonishing videotape that was shot today by workers from fema that's the federal emergency management agency images of one of the busiest business districts in the world turned into a hell on earth [Applause] you can describe it as a war zone it's terrible in there you know as time's ticking we're not gonna give up and there's stores down there that have food and even water to drink so

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food and even water to drink so anything is possible they send the dogs in there and they get a good set so we're going to try to dig out whatever we can military fire department police department it's a bond i'm not losing hope it is time for america to have a new celebrity culture and those rescue workers are a place to begin that's nightly news for this tuesday don't forget dateline tonight at 10 9 central continuing coverage on your nbc station of course on msnbc on cable and on the internet at msnbc.com i'm tom brokaw and i'll see you again later this evening and then tomorrow night on nbc nightly news if not before um

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